Work by CPWD in Government Quarters

†*290. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a), whether it is a fact that work relating to the fixation of tiles, installation of security door and fixation of Kota stone is done in Government quarters by the Central Public Works Department after depositing 10 per cent of the cost;

(b) if so, whether Government would make arrangement to carry out this work free of cost as the Government employees pay increased licence fees and this arrangement is already in vogue where new Government flats are under construction; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU .DATTATRAYA): (a) As per the approved policy of the Government, works of fixing tiles in the kitchens and toilets and Kota stones on working platforms in the kitchens in Government residential quarters are carried out by the Central Public Works Department, by charging ten per cent of the cost of such works from the allottees concerned. Installation of grilled shutters on entrance door is carried out by charging twenty per cent from the allottees.

(b) and (c) Such works of addition/alteration in Government quarters are carried out on requests of individual allottees and on the basis of cost sharing. Review of this policy is not under consideration as upgradation of all Government residential houses of the same standards/ parameters is very expensive, the houses having been constructed at various points of time in accordance with the parameters then applicable.

Change in Land use in Mehrauli

*291. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has recently sent a proposal to his Ministry for change of land use in some villages in Mehrauli in Delhi, for approval; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Effects of Adulterated Food on Health

*292. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unbridled use of pesticides and chemicals in the production of food items causes genetic or bio-chemical disorder;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have neither prescribed any Food Safety Code nor decided to implement sincerely the existing food laws like Fruit Products Order, Milk and Milk Product Order, Vegetable Oil Control Order despite the press reports regarding pesticides residues in soft drinks and mineral water and insect infection in chocolates etc.; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the remedial measures are proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The use of registered pesticides within prescribed limits as per approved guidelines is not likely to cause any genetic or biochemical disorder either in food or in human beings. At the time of registration, besides chemistry, bioefficacy, packaging, toxicity data on acute oral, acute dermal, acute inhalation, mutagenicity, teratogenicity, effect on reproduction, carcinogenicity, toxicity to livestock and Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) are also taken into consideration.

The regulatory orders like, Fruit Products Order, Milk & Milk Products Order, Vegetable Oil Product (Regulation) Order, 1998, have been enacted under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, which primarily regulate licensing and hygiene besides quality specifications and are being Implemented by the respective Departments of the Government of India.